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The Banks of Ayr.

The gloomy night is gathering fast,
Loud roars the wild inconstant blast,
Yon murky cloud is foul with rain,
I see it driving o'er the plain;
The hunter now has left the moor,
The scatter'd coveys meet secure,
While here I wander, prest with care,
Along the lonely banks of Ayr.

The Autumn mourns her rip'ning corn,
By early Winter's ravage torn;
Across her placid, azure sky,
She sees the scowling tempest fly;
Chill runs my blood to hear it rave,
I think upon the stormy wave,
Where many a danger I must dare,
Far from the bonnie banks of Ayr.

'Tis not the surging billow's roar,
'Tis not that fatal, deadly shore;
Though death in every shape appear,
The wretched have no more to fear;
But round my heart the ties are bound,
That heart transpiere'd with many a wound,
These bleed afresh, those ties I tear,
To leave the bonnie banks of Ayr.

Farewell, old Coila's hills and dales,
Her heathy moors and winding vales,
The scenes where wretched fancy roves,
Pursuing past, unhappy loves!
Farewell my friends! Farewell my foes!
My peace with these, my love with those—
The bursting tears my heart declare,
Farewell the bonnie banks of Ayr.

—*Written by Robert Burns when preparing to embark for the West Indies.*

English View of Florida.

The most popular winter resort in the United States, writes an English tourist, is Florida, whose shores are laved respectively on the east and west by the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico, and whose southern termination reaches almost to the tropics. Though having an area of fifty-nine thousand two hundred and sixty eight square miles, its surface is almost an undulating prairie throughout, its highest point being scarcely more than three hundred feet above the level of the sea. It is covered with dense forests of palms, oaks, palmettos, pines, and other trees, and with tropical and semi-tropical fruits and flowers; fine rivers traverse it in every direction; and it is dotted with huge medicinal springs, and with the most beautiful lakes the mind can conceive, some of them being perfectly enchanting in their loveliness. The latter are sprinkled over with islands that are so heavily-clad with groves of the orange, lemon, citron, pomegranate, and other kindred fruits, as to seem tropical gardens; and they are rendered unusually interesting by the numberless birds of brilliant plumage that flit through the trees, the thousands of swans, geese ducks, flamingoes, cranes, and herons that make them their winter home, and the numerous game animals that frequent them at all times. The climate of Florida is one of the finest in the world, for, though ten degrees nearer the equator than Southern Italy, the temperature is not any warmer, and the air is far more dry, equable, and salubrious. The mean temperature from November to April varies from fifty-two to seventy-three degrees; but the average may be placed at sixty-one degrees. The difference between the winter and summer climate throughout the State is about twenty degrees; but in some portions, such as the south and south-eastern, the only appreciable difference in the temperature is in the greater copiousness of the summer showers. This renders it an unrivalled resort for those suffering from pulmonary complaints; for, according to the statistics of 1870, fewer people died of consumption there than in any other State in the Union, and those who succumbed to the disease were, in nearly all cases, invalids from other sections of the country. Many persons suffering from that dire complaint, visit the State to get cured; for not only is its climate genial, but it is supposed that the delicious terebinthine odors of the pine forests purify the atmosphere, and give it a soothing, healing, and invigorating quality.

Those who wish to escape the rigors of a northern winter flee to it as early as December; and, as large numbers of them are in excellent health, and go south, like the birds, only for the purpose of following the sun, they make the towns along the banks of the St. John's River scenes of bouyant pleasure for four or five months, and one may there see American social life in all its freedom and gayety. The largest, most important, and the gayest city in the State is Jacksonville, which is perched on a bank of the St. John's river, a few miles from its mouth. This wealthy metropolis, which boasts a population of sixteen thousand, is surrounded by delightful scenery, by dense and vast forests, in which the oak and cypress compete with the myrtle, palm and palmetto for supremacy, and by groves of orange and lemon trees; while the streets seem like sections of a hothouse, so numerous and varied are the southern fruits, flowers, and arboreal beauties that adorn them. The most prominent objects, to the tourists are the large number of white saloon steamboats that line the wharves or course up and down the river, and the splendid hotels that occupy the principal thoroughfares. The latter in many cases are palatial structures, and are furnished with all the lavish luxuriance that characterizes these institutions in the United States. Their bills of fare may be understood from the fact that I counted eighteen different dishes for breakfast in one *menu*, and forty-two for dinner; and in all instances these embraced from two to six species of game, and from three to five species of fish, while every variety of fruit grown in the United States was marked on them. Yet these magnificent hostelries charged only from ten shillings to a pound per day for everything; and pianos, parlors, drawing-rooms and other privileged appendages in England were open to all. The cosmopolitan character of the people which one meets in them; the ease, informality and *bonhomie* of American society in general; and the desire of all to aid each other in killing time pleasantly, make a long tarry at them a round of pleasure; for hops, ball, concerts, and kindred amusements are indulged in to a very large extent. *Ennui* should, therefore, not be known during the evening; and during the day there are so many opportunities for fishing, boating, yachting, riding and shooting, that the person who cannot find a means of recreation, must indeed be hard to please. Life there is a combination of that to be found in Nice, Naples, Brighton, Scarborough, and Saratoga during the "season;" hence one may readily understand that it is anything but dull. Boarding houses seem to be omnipresent, and for their pretensions they are quite cheap, the usual charges being from two to four pounds per week. The favorite drive in the vicinity of the city is that which leads to Moncrief's Springs, four miles distant, where there is a mineral spring whose waters are said to cure malarial diseases. Bath houses, a restaurant, a bowling alley, a dancing pavilion, and the inevitable accompaniment of an American fashionable resort, a race-course, may be found there. Leaving Jacksonville by one of the handsome steamboats that ply on the river, a run of eighteen miles carries the tourist to Mandarin, which has a local fame as being the winter residence of the famous authoress of "Uncle Tom's Cabin," Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe. This charming hamlet is almost buried in orange groves, and moss-covered oaks, so that one sees little of it. A few miles south of this lies Green Cove Springs, a small town which is celebrated for its medicinal waters, and whose hue has given the place its name. This is crowded during the winter by invalids and *flaneurs*, who come to drink its waters. The spring discharges three thousand gallons per minute, and forms an emerald lake, which is embowered in a grove of gigantic water oaks, that are almost literally covered with long festoons of moss and mistletoe. The water has a temperature of seventy-eight degrees in Fahrenheit; and, as it contains sulphates of magnesia and lime, chlorides of sodium and iron, and sulphuretted hydrogen, it is considered very beneficial for rheumatism, Bright's disease of the kidneys, and gouty affections. If one wishes to shoot alligators there, he may enjoy that pleasure to his heart's content, for they are so numerous in Black Creek, a short distance off, that they resemble large rafts of small black logs when dozing on the water. As they are harmless to man, unless goaded to desperation by teasing, one need fear no injury from an attack upon them, even if he should fall into their midst.

Leaving this point the steamer proceeds southward, and passes in review a mixture of semi-tropical and northern scenery. The river in some places is covered for miles with water-lilies in bloom, and so dense are they frequently that a glimpse of the water is all that can be obtained. Wild fowl are numerous; floating islands of green go dancing by on the swell of the steamer; alligators, startled by the steam whistle, plunge into the stream from the banks with a lazy grunt of fear; and the woods are omnipresent, but their emerald hue is broken at intervals by the yellow of orange and lemon groves, brilliant vines, dense festoons of gray moss and gorgeous shrubbery. A few dilapidated stations, which were formerly thriving Spanish cities, are passed on the way, until the steamer halts at Palatka seventy-five miles from Jacksonville, and one hundred from the mouth of the river. This seems to be a second edition of Goldsmith's "Auburn," so quiet and lovely does it seem in the morning sun. Instead of the hawthorn, however, one will see the tropical yucca or Spanish bayonet, and instead of the apple orchard the orange grove, while the rustic swains are represented by "Cracekers" who ride ponies as gaunt as themselves, and who sell parroquets and the preserved skins of the white wood duck, and the humming-bird, to those who deal in such articles. This place recalls visions of peace and contentment—a spot where one could dream life away; but, like all things earthly, it has its drawbacks, for it is infested with mosquitoes at certain times, and these are so numerous and vigorous that I have heard it stated as a fact that they dispersed a minister and his congregation one Sunday. The tourist, still moving southward, quits the large steamboat here, and takes passage in a smaller one that runs to Enterprise, a small town one hundred and thirty miles further on, which is the head of steam navigation on the St. John's river.

The scenery after leaving Palatka becomes characteristically tropical, and the river narrows into a small stream, only to expand a few miles further on into a series of large and enchantingly beautiful lakes, which are thronged with fish and fowl, and dotted with charming islands, that seem one mass of green and yellow from the abundance of tropical fruits. Old Indian sepulchres and mounds are found on some of them, and amid these tourists fond of archæology may be seen rambling at all hours of the day, while others devote their attention to the pleasures of rod and gun. Boating parties, revelling in the soft sunshine and the tropical scenery, are met with quite frequently, and they give an air of animation to the otherwise silent scene. The myriads of wild fowl and the abundance of bright feathered birds are a notable feature of the landscape, and do much to enchain the attention of the tourist. At Enterprise—which is the great head-quarters for sportsmen who go to Florida to fish and hunt as much as to enjoy its beauty and sunshine—one is almost sure to meet several European noblemen and their families, prominent among whom are the representatives of the United Kingdom. The region around this town is covered with orange and lemon groves, and the forests beyond them teem with deer, bears, wolves, panthers, wild-turkeys, quail, grouse, and other species of game; while the alligator holds sway in every stream and lagoon. Alligator hunting parties are frequently organized, and steamers run at intervals to convey them to Lakes Jessup and Harney, where they may indulge in the sport to their heart's content. The reptiles are so numerous in these regions, that two of us have killed about fifty in less than three days, and other parties were equally successful, yet their numbers seemed undiminished. Medicinal springs, both cold and thermal, and of several varieties, are common in the neighborhood; and during the morning and evening they are frequented by tourists, who drink of some, and bathe in others. What with shooting and fishing, a fine climate, abundance of fruit, medicinal springs, and gay society, it would be difficult to find a winter resort equal to Florida.—*The* (London) *Queen*.

The Deacon Attacks an Old Saying.

I like Deacon Green. He goes straight to the heart of things, and is not led away by moonshine. The other day, when a very positive and loud-voiced lady was talking with the little schoolmistress and himself about a certain troublesome child, the loud-voiced lady exclaimed:

"Pooh! good influence isn't what she needs. A bird that can sing and won't sing must be made to sing; that's my doctrine."

With these words the lady glared at the schoolmistress, who made no reply, and then with an air of conscious victory, she turned to the Deacon, repeating:

"Yes, sir, that's my doctrine."

"A capital doctrine," said the Deacon, with a bow, "but there's a flaw in your illustration, ma'am."

"But!" almost screamed the lady, "there's no doubt about it. I tell you there's no other way. A bird that can sing and won't sing must be made to sing. You'll admit that, I hope? It is true as Solomon."

"Granted," said the Deacon, with a voice as soft as the wish of a water-lily, "most certainly, a bird that can sing and won't sing must be made to sing; but how are we going to do it?

"The fact is, my dear madam," continued the Deacon, "some of these old sayings sound very well, but there's nothing in them. I'd like to see the person who can take a bird that won't sing and make him sing. Now your bird that can't sing and will sing, is easily dealt with. You can at least quiet him. But, for my part, I'd rather undertake the management of all the brass bands in the country than to force music out of the tinest canary when he chose to be silent."—*St. Nicholas*.

Of Mr. Arthur O'Shaughnessy, one of the younger British poets, and the son-in-law of Dr. Westland Marston, an amusing story is told. Mr. O'Shaughnessy was a protege of Sir Edward Bulwer-Lytton, who assisted in getting the poet appointed to a position in the natural history department of the British museum. One day the unfortunate O'Shaughnessy accidentally sat down on a number of very rare South American butterflies which had just arrived at the museum. Horrified, he proceeded secretly and hurriedly to repair damages, but being, in truth, rather ignorant about butterflies and natural history generally, he got the pretty insects very much mixed up, giving wrong wings on wrong bodies in the most reckless manner. Great was the astonishment of the wise men when they came to contemplate and classify the new contribution. Such species were never seen before; the insect world and its history were revolutionized. And many were the discussions that occurred before Mr. O'Shaughnessy's awful misdeed and skillful gluing were discovered. Then there was a very mad collection of scientists, and the young man would have been dismissed had not Bulwer used his influence. Warned by his blunder, Mr. O'Shaughnessy undertook the study of natural history, and there is now no one in the museum better skilled in that department.

THE GULF STREAM.—There is a river in the ocean. In the severest drouths it never fails, and in the mightiest flood it never overflows. Its banks and the bottom are of cold water, while its current is of warm. The Gulf of Mexico is its fountain, and its mouth is the Arctic seas. It is the Gulf stream. There is in the world no other so majestic a flow of water. Its current is more swift than the Mississippi or the Amazon, and its volume more than 1000 times greater. Its waters, so far as the Carolina coasts, are of indigo blue. They are so distinctly marked that the common sea water can be traced with the eye. Often one-half the vessel may be perceived floating in the Gulf stream water, while the other half is in the common water of the sea, so sharp is the line and the want of affinity between these waters; and such, too, the reluctance, so to speak, on the part of those of the Gulf stream to mingle with the common waters of the sea. In addition to this, there is another peculiar fact. The fishermen on the coast of Norway are supplied with wood from the tropics by the Gulf stream. Think of the Arctic fishermen burning upon their hearths the palms of Hayti, the mahogany of Honduras, and the precious woods of the Amazon and the Orinoco.

Keep a smile on your face, says a philosophical editor. Smiles breed dimples, which are far more essential than three-dollar vest chains. It is dangerous to sleep in the same town with the proprietor in a perpetual frown. Don't walk around looking as dismal as a sick undertaker, or as if you were going to your own funeral.

Religion is the best armor in the world, but the worst cloak.

The Fisherman.

Now comes the season when the warm sunlight, the green borders of grass that fringe the dashing streams, the insects wheeling their droning flight in the air, and the swelling alder buds that drop their floss upon the water, stir the angler to his annual sport. We shall see him anon in all his varieties of species and genus—from the city sportsman girt with all the modern trappings of his craft down to the farmer's lad with fresh cut pole, line of pack cord and spice box of bait—leaping the brooks, tangled in the laurels, floundering through the perfidious marsh, approaching with subtle tread the deep pool where lies the monarch of the stream, or again, staggering over the unseen root or slimy stone, and tumbling ungracefully into the rapids.

The gentle angler has had his share of satire. He is a phenomenon to the prosaic natures who define his sport as "a fish at one end of the line and a fool at the other." His notions of the economics of things are sternly impeached by the gross materialists who see him toiling like a hind and spending for his toil ten times the rates of Fulton market. But he has a philosophy that blunts the sharpest stings of his detractors. He tells of the endless variety and change that Dame Nature reveals to him along her brooks and in her woods. He shows the sun-browned cheek, the hardier frame, the exhilaration of spirits, the healthful balance of bodily powers, and that complete refreshment of heart and brain which the diversions of the city and the best advice of the doctors alike fail to give him.

Even for the days when hours of toil bring no fish to his creel he has that quaint philosophy of old Izaak Walton, who used to say that bad luck at fishing on one day was the most essential part of the angler's sport, inasmuch as it sharpened the pleasure of anticipation for the next day's bout. There have been men who have traced the love of fishing to the gambling propensity of human nature. But so long as the sunny springtime, which is now upon us, shows so many worse manifestations of human depravity than the love for piscatorial chances, we may well advise all who can to drop their loads of city custom and seek for a while the country, where they can drop their lines in pleasant places.—*N. Y. Evening Post.*

The Cave Temples.

The Cave Temples of Elora, near the west coast of India, are some of the most remarkable of this class of architecture in India. "One of these temples, called Kylas, or the paradise of Sheva, is a temple formed of a single rock, which is an integral part of the mountain, in an excavated court 247 feet long and 150 feet wide. The walls of this court are the rock in which the excavation is made, and they vary in height from fifty to one hundred feet. In the centre of this court is the grand temple, one hundred and forty-two feet long, sixty feet wide, and ninety feet high to the apex. In this temple is one large room, with sixteen pillars to support the superincumbent mass of rock. There are also many small rooms and shrines. The outside of this temple is entirely covered with sculptured figures representing actions and events described in the Purans. This temple, with its rooms, halls, galleries, shrines, images and courts, consists of the original rock of the mountain, reduced to their present state internally and externally, by excavating and sculpture: The genius, skill and labor exhibited in its design and execution, place it among the most remarkable works of an age or nation. At Adjunta, some thirty five miles from Elora, are twenty-seven cave temples of great magnificence, and most impressive in their solemn vastness and grandeur. The Elephanta temples, near Bombay, are wonderful for size, images and ornamentation. The purely Buddhist cave temples are supposed to have been excavated some two hundred years before the Christian era, and those of the Brahmins about the eighth or ninth century after Christ. The skill and labor expended upon them seem all the more striking, as gunpowder was then unknown, and the amount of patient picking out the rock necessary for such gigantic results, seems almost past belief. The cave temples are now deserted and silent, and the rites and ceremonies once performed in them, forgotten. The mountains of Cashmere are said to contain some twelve thousand cave temples.—*The Orient and its People.*

IMPORTANCE OF A CHANCE INCIDENT.

"All nature is but art, unknown to thee;
All chance but direction, which thou canst not see."

Pope's lines were singularly illustrated in the case of a merchant of New Milford, Conn.:

As he was about to step into his carriage in front of a store, his horse raised a foot with the evident intention of planting it firmly in a puddle underneath. The gentleman, having on a good suit of clothes, and not caring to soil them, dashed into the nearest door, which happened to lead into an insurance-agent's office. The agent said,—

"I suppose you have come to renew the insurance on your store, which expires to-day."

"I had forgotten it," said the merchant, "and should like you to attend to it."

He then drove off and took the train for Bridgeport. On returning the next day, he learned that his store had burned down in the fire which swept one side of the street.

Success is dazzling. Men are so constituted that everybody undertakes what he sees another successful in, whether he has an aptitude for it or not. One prosperous gold miner in California gives half a continent a fever for seeking gold. One successful general fills the dreams of thousands of youth with the possibilities of military renown.

England, France, and Egypt.

If news that reached us recently be true, England is about to undertake another of those troublesome little wars, of which she already has two on her hands. A Paris special to the London *Telegraph*, recabled to this side, says that the French government is fitting out several of its first-class war vessels to be used against the Khedive. The general assumption at present is that the Anglo-French partnership for the control of Egyptian affairs still subsists. In that case, of course, France and England will act together and send a joint fleet to Egyptian waters. The Sultan's authority will be invoked, doubtless, in the first place, to depose his vassal at Cairo, and then, if the Khedive insists that he is not a vassal but a peer, and refuses to be deposed, the allied fleet of the two Western nations will proceed to bring him to reason.

Assuming there is no intervention by other powers, this line of policy may be carried out without much risk to England, except the additional annoyance and expense of another small war. And yet that will be enough to awkwardly embarrass the already worried Ministry. With the Afghan hostilities still dragging along, the Zulu blunders not yet more than half retrieved, and another ugly little war cloud rising in the Asiatic sky, in the direction of Burmah, the Beaconsfield Cabinet might well wish that the Khedive had chosen some more convenient season to propound his Egyptian puzzle to them. But there is a possibility that this new difficulty may involve England in a more momentous dispute, to wit, one with France. One of the most recently received files of the London *Economist* clearly indicates the apprehensiveness felt in the British capital on this point. Mr. Bourke, the Foreign Under Secretary, was in Paris at the time the *Economist's* article appeared, trying to arrive at a definite basis for joint action in Egypt by his own government and that of France, and the writer flatly says that the whole policy of the joint action is mistaken, and calculated to provoke eventually a rupture between Paris and London. The *Economist*, which is regarded as the leading financial organ of London, and a specially cautious and conservative paper, writes thus:

There is the accustomed anxiety displayed in this extract lest England should go a step further or do an iota more than her own interests demand. England's chief interest in Egypt, as all the world knows, is the Suez Canal, as one of the roads, the best of all roads in fact, to India. France is concerned for her bondholders, and not at all for India. Now, if the two countries act together the conditions of a joint protectorate would give France an equal say with England as to the future of the Canal, and this, in a critical juncture, would be disastrous to the latter power. That is what the *Economist* means to say. It would be a strange denouement to the evidently strained situation if the joint intervention of France and England, designed to intimidate the obstreperous Khedive, should have the final result of antagonizing the two intervening Powers, and giving Russia the chance she has so long hoped for, to separate England from her strongest ally.—*Boston Traveller.*

Saved His Fiddle.

One who is a stranger to his enthusiasm and experiences can hardly understand a musician's idolatry for his favorite instrument. Ole Bull is said to have paid four thousand dollars for his "King Joseph Guarnerius" violin, but his almost fanatical attachment to it is less on account of its cost than because it is the only one of its kind. A writer in *St. Nicholas* tells this characteristic story:

When Ole was first in America, he had to go from one little town to another to give a concert. Perhaps tired of railway traveling, perhaps the better to see the country, he took passage on an Ohio river steamboat. In a little while the boiler burst, after the Western fashion, tearing away the fore part of the boat, and setting the cabins on fire. Ole Bull found himself choked, deafened and blinded, in the midst of struggling, shrieking women and children, shattered timbers, smoke, flame and noisy water.

What did he do? Swim for his life? Lend a hand to any woman or little child? No; he did neither. I doubt if he remembered that around him were human beings in danger.

He rushed to his violin-case, took from it the precious instrument, put it between his strong, white teeth, leaped over the blazing guards into the black water, and struck out manfully for the shore, which he gained in triumph, and there stood gazing at his fiddle, dripping and proud as the New Foundland dog who saves a drowning child. Ole Bull was nothing to Ole Bull in that moment; his beloved and precious instrument was all in all. The only "King Joseph Guarnerius" might have been lost!

FISH STORY.—The Memphis *Appeal* tells the following: A gentleman who resides on Adams street and has a fountain in the front yard stocked with small fish, had been puzzled for some time over the disappearance of the fish from the basin of the fountain. One night last week he and several friends sat up and watched. About 10 o'clock they saw the house-cat stealthily approach the rim of the fountain and scratch in the ground. The cat caught a worm, which she moved around in the water for a few minutes, then, when the little fish would rise and bite at the bait, the cat, with the other paw, grabbed and ate them. "Puss" was the "lone fisherman" of the place. The above story is authentic, yet it reads as if it was apocryphal. Here is an important fact for scientists who draw a distinction between instinct and reason.

Trees begin to die at the tops—Men begin to dye there, too.

Points in Palmistry.

It has been found by experience that thieves, as a general thing, have thick, short hands; while a large, long hand is a sign of a liberal temperament, or of a shrewd mind associated with a generous heart. A long hand, which has thick fingers, is generally associated with a phlegmatic temperament. The owners of such hands are generally smart but lazy men who love their ease. A hand with separated fingers, a hand in which the fingers sprawl, is generally associated with shiftlessness and laziness. This is the beggar's hand. A hand whose fingers, on the contrary, stick together, are compact and close, is indicative of a fickle and and close, is indicative of a fickle and suspicious disposition. A hand the fingers of which turn backwards indicates an unjust disposition. A hand with very short and very thick fingers is generally associated with cruelty. A hand with long and straggling fingers generally marks an impostor or adventurer. A hand with fingers which are smooth and transparent is often accompanied with indiscreet curiosity on the part of its owner. While the hands of jugglers, like the hands of the higher order of apes, possess spatulated fingers—that is, fingers which, like the spatula used by chemists, are flat, but bulge around at the ends.

Hands, as far as their shape and expression is concerned, are divided by those who have studied the subject into seven more or less distinct classes. There is the hand with a large palm, the hand with conical fingers, the square hand, the knotted hand, the pointed hand, the hand with spatulated fingers, and the hand which partakes of a mixture of two or more of these characteristics.

It has been found that practical men of science like Faraday, Arago and Stillman, possess knotted hands with spatulated fingers. While the hand of the great musician and pianist, Liszt, for instance, has a large palm, with knotty and spatula-shaped fingers.

Artists generally have conical hands. Byron had a pointed hand. Longfellow has hands with conical fingers. Victor Hugo's hand and fingers are of the cone variety. The late George Sand had a very small hand with conical fingers. Lamartine's hands had long, conical fingers. The square-shaped hand is generally the hard-working, the useful hand. The knotted hand is supposed to be peculiarly the hand of philosophers. While the pointed hand is presumed to be more particularly the property of luxury, a delicate temperament, poets, dreamers, and that ilk. Swedenborg had a pointed hand.

Decided, reckless writers like Voltaire, and decided, warlike monarchs like Frederick the Great, had big thumbs; whereas fickle, irresolute men like the unfortunate Louis XVI., of France, and doubters of everything and everybody, even themselves, like Montague Vane, had very small thumbs.

The Irish race is marked by the cone-shaped hand, while the English nation displays the spatuled or flat and round-tipped fingers. The predominating type in the "universal and eternal Yankee" nation is the square or working hand. The Italians and Spaniards generally possess hands more or less conical. The Chinese are emphatically a square-handed people. The majority of Asiatics possess conical hands.

Most artists, sculptors and painters possess cone-shaped hands. These conical hands may be of three varieties. First, plant, with small thumbs; this kind characterizes the poetic dreamer. Second, a broad, short and thick hand, with a large thumb; this sort signifies a restless, ambitious temperament.

Not the size, but the shape of the hand is the accompaniment of good blood.

Few women have knotted or philosophical hands, and still fewer have the pointed type.

Women with large thumbs are held by phrenologists, physiognomists, etc., to be more than ordinary intelligent—what are called "sensible women," while women with small thumbs are regarded as "romantic."

Women with square hands and small thumbs are said to make good housewives and gentle wives. These sort of women will make any man happy who is fortunate enough to win them, but they are what is better—thoroughly domestic. Women with very large thumbs have a "temper" of their own and generally a long tongue.

SWANS IN THE OIL REGIONS.—Many people in this part of the country have never seen a live swan, though the swan spread over the North American continent from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Many are shot in winter and spring on the coasts of Virginia, Maryland and Delaware, but they rarely visit the oil region. On Saturday last, however, a large flock of these birds passed over this vicinity. Possibly they were tempted to a Northern journey by the beautiful weather at the beginning of the month, but being caught in the hail storm, they were frozen. Large numbers of them fell helpless to the ground and were easily captured alive between East Titusville and Enterprise. At Pioneer, A. Lewis shot two, one of which he killed, and the other he captured alive. He was sitting in his house when his little girl suddenly cried out: "Oh! pa, look at these geese." He looked and saw the swans. At first the captured birds could be easily purchased for a trifling sum, but men are now said to be offering fancy prices for them to put in ornamental ponds.—*Titusville Herald.*

Colonel Von Borcke, the Prussian officer who attended Prince Frederick Charles to the marriage of his daughter to the Duke of Connaught, fought, it is said, for more than two years of our civil war, on the Confederate side. He got a bullet in his left lung which the doctors were unable to extract, and went over to London, where he wrote an account of his war experience for *Blackwood*.

Things Worth Knowing.

1. That fish may be scaled much easier by dipping into boiling water about a minute.

2. That fish may as well be scaled, if desired, before packing down in salt; though, in that case, do not scald them.

3. Salt fish are quickest and best freshened by soaking in sour milk.

4. That milk which is turned or changed may be sweetened and rendered fit for use again, by stirring in a little soda.

5. That salt will curdle new milk; hence, in preparing milk-porridge, gravies, etc., the salt should not be added until the milk is prepared.

6. That fresh meat, after beginning to sour, will sweeten if placed out of doors in the cool over night.

7. That clear boiling water will remove tea-stains and many fruit-stains. Pour the water though the stain, and thus prevent its spreading over the fabric.

8. That ripe tomatoes will remove ink and other stains from white cloth; also, from the hands.

9. That a teaspoonful of turpentine boiled with your white clothes will aid the whitening process.

10. That boiled starch is much improved by the addition of a little sperm, or a little salt, or both, or a little gum arabic dissolved.

11. That beeswax and salt will make your flat-irons as clean and smooth as glass. Tie a lump of wax in a rag, and keep it for that purpose. When the irons are hot, rub them first with the wax-rag, then scour with a paper or cloth sprinkled with salt.

12. That blue ointment and kerosene, mixed in equal proportions, and applied to bedsteads, is an unfailing bed bug remedy; and that a coat of whitewash is ditto for the walls of a log house.

13. That kerosene will soften boots or shoes which have been hardened by water, and render them as pliable as new.

14. That kerosene will make the tin tea-kettles as bright as new. Saturate a woolen rag and rub with it. It will also remove stains from clean varnished furniture.

Dr. J. H. Hanaford says in the *Hearth and Home*: "While it may not be judicious for the aged and those of limited vital powers to dress or undress in cold rooms, so cold as to cause suffering, it is undesirable to sleep in a warm room, or such a room as would be comfortable during the day. Such warmth of the air breathed is always more or less debilitating, directly from its unnatural warmth, and also from the fact that such rarified air does not contain the needful oxygen at each inspiration, to effect in the best possible manner the wonderful changes in the body intended during this period of rest, recuperation and transformation."

RICH PLUM CAKE.—Two full quarts of finest flour, one pound of loaf sugar, three pounds of currants, one pound of raisins chopped, one-quarter ounce of mace and cloves, a grated nutmeg, peel of a lemon cut fine, half a pound of blanched almonds, beaten with rose or orange-flour water; mix thoroughly, then melt two pounds of butter in rather more than a pint of cream, put to it a pint of sherry, a glass of brandy, twelve eggs, yolks and whites beaten apart, and half a pint of yeast; strain this into the dry ingredients, beat a full hour, butter your hoop, throw in plenty chips of citron, lemon and orange candy, as you put in your batter, bake moderately quick.

TO USE UP COLD FOWL.—Take the remains of a cold fowl chopped fine; cover the bottom of a pudding-dish with fine bread-crumbs; put in the chicken, seasoned with pepper and salt, pour over a half-teacupful of gravy, cover quite thickly with bread-crumbs, and then strew over bits of butter; cover and place in the oven for ten or fifteen minutes; take off the lid and break in enough eggs to cover the top; sprinkle pepper and salt over and bake until the eggs are well cooked.

CUCUMBER PICKLES.—Fill a porcelain kettle about half full; fill it up with cold water nearly to the top. Put it on the stove and let the water heat as soon as it will, stirring with the hand all the time. When the water is too warm for the hand pour it all off and fill immediately with cold water and heat it as before. Do this nine times, and the last time add a little lump of pulverized alum to the water. Put the pickles into cold vinegar, and they will come out round, plump and crisp.

TO SAVE SOAP.—The addition of three-quarters of an ounce of borax to a pound of soap, melted in without boiling, makes a saving of one-half in the cost of soap, and three-fourths the labor of washing, and improves the whiteness of the fabrics; besides, the usual caustic effect is removed, and the hands are left with a peculiar soft and silky feeling, leaving nothing more to be desired by the most ambitious washerwoman.

ICE CREAM CAKE AND RAISIN PIE.—Take one pound of raisins, turn over them one quart of boiling-water. Keep adding so there will be a quart when done. Grate the rind of one lemon into one cup of sugar, three spoonfuls of flour, one egg; mix well together; turn the raisins over the mixture, stirring the while. This makes three pies. Bake as other pies.

RED INDELIBLE INK.—One ounce of green vitriol, one ounce of cinnabar, good linseed oil enough to make it fluid, strain it; the thick fluid which is left is used for writing, with a quill pen on cotton goods; bleaching does not affect it.

GOOD VINEGAR.—Take a five gallon keg, fill with water and put in five pounds of sugar and a cupful of hop yeast; put a long-necked bottle in the bung-hole and keep in the sun to work.

In winter kill poultry three days to a week before cooking.

THE WINTERS ADVOCATE.

Dwight L. Hackett, ...Editor.

SATURDAY, : : MAY 17, 1879.

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CALIFORNIA PRESS ASSOCIATION.

The first annual meeting of the California Press Association will be held in the parlors of the Palace Hotel, San Francisco, on Wednesday, July 16th, 1879, at 12 o'clock, M. Arrangements are now in progress by the Executive Committee of the Association to render the occasion a memorable one in the history of the Press of the Pacific Coast. Among other features of the programme will be a special entertainment at one of the leading theatres of the city, a banquet at the Palace Hotel, and an address by a distinguished ex-member of the Press.

OUR POSITION.

We have been asked if we are opposed to the formation of a New Constitution Party, and how we are going to stand during the coming campaign. We are opposed to the formation this far: We do not think, from what little observation we have had, that it is the wisest thing that can be done at the present time. But if it is done, and good, honest men are placed in nomination by it, we will have no hesitancy in supporting them. We are not, and we will not be bound down by party trammels in the coming State and County elections, but shall support and vote for such men as we think will be best fitted for the various offices to be filled. As we have previously stated, we intend to be independent in all things and neutral in none, and we are not going to champion the cause of anybody but the people. If the new party puts up a ticket that we believe to be better than all others we shall be glad to support it, but until it does we shall advise all good citizens who have the welfare of the State at heart, to use a pencil when making up their ballot, and scratch till they have succeeded in getting the best possible result from the material at hand. That's our position; how do you like it?

Friday, 30th inst., will be Memorial Day, and preparations are being made for its observance throughout the United States.

The majority for the new Constitution has reached 11,000, and when all the returns are in it will very likely go beyond that figure.

A bill has been introduced into the House of Representatives, reducing the President's salary to $25,000 a year after the present term.

What about the Congressmen to be elected this Fall? The Constitutional Party don't surely intend to include them in its nominations.

In the case of J. C. Duncan, the defaulting President of the Pioneer Bank, on trial in San Francisco last week, the jury failed to agree, standing eight for conviction and four for acquittal.

When excitement runs high people are very liable to let it get the better of their judgment. A pro-Constitutional cloak will cover a multitude of sins in the eyes of those anxious for a new organization.

The bill to prevent military interference at elections passed both houses of Congress after a very exciting debate, and of course the President vetoed it. If Hayes is consistent in anything it is in his inconsistency.

This new party business don't exactly suit us. The old chronics have taken the lead, and they are so thick that it will be impossible for the honest and reliable citizens to get by them in time to secure the nominations.

The Democratic State Convention will meet at Sacramento on Tuesday, May 27th, and the Republican State Convention at the same place on June 17th. The Workingmen hold their Convention on June 3d at San Francisco.

On Gen. Grant's arrival at San Francisco he will be received by a delegation consisting of twenty-five members of the Pennsylvania Legislature, who will greet him in the name of the commonwealth of that State. The common poor are the ones that have to pay for this toadyism.

The colored man is finding out that milk and honey are not knee deep in Kansas and other Northern States, to which he has lately been wending his way. Some three hundred who had emigrated from Mississippi to Kansas returned to their old homes last week, sadder but wiser men.

IS IT WISE?

The question that is receiving the most attention in this State at the present time is that concerning the formation of a new party, to be known as the Constitutional Party, which is to place men in the various offices to be filled, without regard to former political affiliations, who were supporters of the new organic law, and who will interpret and carry out that law in the spirit in which it was framed. It must be admitted that the men who could see nothing good in this Constitution, are not the men to be selected to fill the legislative and judicial offices, for the reason that if they are honest in the views they have already expressed in regard to it, they can not be expected to give it any different interpretation when called upon to make a law or render a decision under it. If the new party is formed its nominees must necessarily be men who favored and supported the new law, but the question that naturally arises is: Will these men prove more honest when elected by a new party than they would if elected by either of the parties with which they formerly affiliated? The voters that will go to make up this new organization must be drawn from both the old parties, and conspicuous in the front ranks will be found a vast number of chronic office-seekers, who are always willing to get into a show on a complimentary ticket. As it is not claimed that this party is to be a permanent one, will its officers when elected be as likely to entertain the same ideas of responsibility to an organization that will die with their election, as they would to one that was to be continuous?

If a Constitutional party is formed, there will doubtless be a coalition of the Anti's arrayed against it, and taking the vote of last week as a criterion, they will be able to carry San Francisco, Sacramento and Alameda counties, which delegations will be a power in the Legislature. The only safe plan we can see is for the men who voted for and believed in the adoption of the new law to remain in the party whose principals they indorse, and compel recognition in the nomination of legislative and judicial officers. The worst feature of nominating conventions heretofore has been that a few political wire-workers and professional slate-makers have been allowed to control and run them in their own interests, caring little or nothing for the wishes or wants of the people. From our own observation the men most prominent in forming a new organization in Yolo county are working for self interests, and will be very likely to arrange a ticket in accord with the slates which are already made up. We say to the voters, don't be hoodwinked or carried away by the excitement over the great victory you have just won; if you do, you are almost sure to be bamboozled by designing politicians. To the members of all parties we say, use your utmost endeavors to get good men of well-known honesty on your respective tickets, and at the election in September next use the American citizen's prerogative of scratching your ballot, and there need be no fear of the result. It was a hard fight to beat the money power in a hand to hand combat, and in a four-cornered scrimmage money will win every time.

On the 7th of this month Denis Kearney read his doom in the setting sun, and arrived at the conclusion that as a successful agitator he is withering from the land. Consequently he has been on a "high" ever since, and dies hard. At the meetings of the Workingmen's Party held in San Francisco he has denounced all those who supported the new law, outside of that party, as "honorable bilks" and "political blatherskites," and takes the greater part of the horor of its adoption upon himself. If Kearny had opposed the adoption of the new Constitution, the majority in its favor would have been 25,000 instead of 11,000.

As Ben Butler is likely to be the Greenback candidate for President in 1880, and as he understands that popularity is a good thing to have in a race of that kind, he has donated 20,000 acres of land to the Society of Friends, to be by them divided among the negroes emigrating from the South. We are of the opinion that the Essex statesman has quite a bump of generosity on that well developed head of his.

Previous to the election the anti-Constitution press were drawing many woeful looking pictures of the dire calamities with which our State was to be inflicted upon the adoption of the new law. These same papers are now telling their readers that no bad results will follow, and that we have a very good Constitution after all.

S. S. Howell, formerly one of the publishers of the Healdsburg *Flag*, committed suicide at Alameda on Monday last. The same old story—losses in stock gambling.

WON'T STAND IT.

The W. P. C. are not going to follow the *Chronicle* in its steps toward the formation of a Constitutional Party. In a speech on the sand-lot last Sunday, Dennis Kearney said that such a party was a party of fraud. Dennis is smart enough to know that the Workingmen were terribly divided on the Constitutional question, and that there is great danger of dismemberment of the party if they so continue. He also believes them to be strong enough to carry San Francisco at the Fall election, thus giving them the city offices and a Member of Congress. It is evident that the Workingmen's Party of California will not submit to any coalition that will place them in the back-ground.

The Eastern press are discussing our new Constitution, and a majority of them show a lamentable ignorance in regard to it. The Greenback press have been claiming its adoption as a victory for their side, and the Greenbackers of Washington had a celebration over the event.

Senator Booth, the Washington gossips say, has been captured by a demure little widow, with a sweet young face and prematurely white hair, to the door of whose modest lodging house fate led the Senator in search of "rooms to let." A quiet wedding in early Autumn will be the result.

There are scores of excellent people in this world world who have never yet learned the difference between work and worry. If they have anything to do they seem to think that the only way of complishing it thoroughly is by means of incessant worry—worry about the time, the method, the necessity of their task, until they have driven easy-going and more tranquil souls nearly frantic.

Teach your daughters and your sons alike, next to honor, next to the love of their home, to love their country. Then, when her need comes, if come it must, in any struggle, her honor will be as their own, and life itself will not be too dear to offer for her sake. Who that remembers a battle, a husband or son sacrificed; who that ever saw a soldier die, or stood in any silent city of the country's slain, or in a churchyard where the village heroes rest, can ever make our country seem again a vague or visionary thing.

Girls, if you want to encourage young men, get an album. It's the first thing a bashful young man grabs when he enters a strange house where there are girls. We've seen them look through one till they knew every picture by heart, from page one to General Grant in the back part. It's wonderful what interest a bashful man will take in a girl's grandmother and pug-nosed uncle at the first visit, but it's always so. Get 'em, girls. It's the best thing in the world to occupy a fellow's hands, and it's a cure for bashfulness.

"I WISH I WERE A MAN."

[Alice Kingsbury.]

I never saw a woman yet who did not regret being born a woman. I never saw a woman yet who did not wish she were a man; I never saw a woman yet who did not feel that the conventionalities that environed her were too circumscribed for the full development of her heart and brain; I never saw a woman but would make a better man than half the so-called creatures that wear the bifurcated. And yet I am a woman; but my consent was never asked whether I should be a ruler or be ruled; my consent was never asked whether the limited (in some respects unlimited) duties of a house would satisfy the cravings of my intellect, as well as heart; I was never given the choice of being a woman, and have the easy and delicious task of bearing and rearing a large family, or being a mighty man, and with the strength-demanding occupation of selling hose and chemises to ladies; I was never consulted whether I should be a President or be a pot washer, there being no act of mine that I was born this poor, despicable, unloved thing—a woman—and no act of his that nature placed him on the unlimited throne of manhood; then what calls for the extra consideration, respect and preference paid him even from his birth? They say that in this country women are so free and so carefully tended; women are so adored; that in rough Germany they are harnessed to carts and to the plough; that they lose all the sweet bloom of womanhood, etc., etc. I myself have seen in the quaint city of Quebec a woman and a dog harnessed together, drawing a cart. Here, you see, they do more than a man. He guides the plough, he drives the horse or dog, he is master, but never equal; that would be degrading. True, I don't want women to pitch brick and carry hod as do the women in Antwerp; yet even to do this, even to draw the plough, to pull the cart, there are glorious advantages; God's glorious sky, His waving grain, His life-giving, perfumed air are familiar things, ever surrounding her, not coveted or yearned for in vain, as the pale-faced sewing woman, or the poor woman of many children, alas! knows how. They, too, have the satisfaction of knowing that they earn their bread. We know they are happy women, contented women, who are satisfied with what they have. They need no emancipation. I am writing in the cause of the oppressed, the ground down, the bitterly unhappy. Yet for them there is only partial alleviation, never perfect while man remains man, and woman woman, and even the theory of evolution does not teach that in the blessed progress of humans and things the sexes will be changed.

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Mail matter for the morning train going North and East, should be in the Postoffice the evening before.

LORENZO MOODY, Postmaster.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

Travel is increasing on the R. R.

This is the kind of weather that is bringing the wheat to a "head."

Elliott & Co., received a new stock of groceries from the Bay this week.

The gravel trains are increasing in length, and average nearly forty cars each.

The Board of Supervisors, and the District and County Courts were all in session this week.

We noticed a car-load of wool at the depot this week, consigned to Haas & Kauffman, San Francisco.

The palace-car, "Sacramento," containing some of the C. P. magnates, went up the road yesterday morning.

On Wednesday last a terrific wind sent the dust flying through our streets so thick as to resemble a sand-storm.

John Ish has gone to Berryessa Valley to put Mr. Bottorff's harvesting machinery in order for the coming season.

Mr. Thissell, of Pleasant Valley, shipped two boxes of apricots to San Francisco on Thursday—the first of the season.

John Dickenson and Pat McGrath are painting and otherwise improving the appearance of their respective saloons.

Posters are out announcing that the supporters of the new Constitution will hold a grand ratification meeting at Madison this evening.

A correspondent of the *Democrat* figures on the vote cast in this State at the late election, and places it at 100,000. Only about 40,000 out of the way.

We received a communication from Madison this week which is declined on account of its length, and also because it has already appeared in another paper.

We call attention to the advertisement of W. D. Comstock, furniture dealer, corner of 5th and K streets, Sacramento. He offers great bargains to customers.

Eddie Woods, formerly a typo on the Woodland *Democrat*, has been in town this week. He intends to develop his muscle in the harvest field this summer.

County script has dropped to 90 cents—that is the Bank of Woodland only offers that much. We believe there are private parties paying more than this, however.

Men with blankets on their back may be seen passing along the road at any hour in the day. The lateness of the harvest this year will extend their tramp somewhat.

Dr. J. C. Cooper, Dentist, of Santa Rosa, is stopping at the Occidental. He will remain until the 25th inst., and after that time will make monthly visits to Winters.

Bell Bros. have just received a splendid assortment of vocal and instrumental sheet music. We would advise those who are musically inclined to call and examine the the same.

One good result from the Constitutional fight is that it has knocked the slates that were already made up into smithereens, and we will have better men to select from than we otherwise would.

Dr. Stillwagon, of Napa, was in town on Tuesday last. He was called to attend Mrs. Wolfskill, who is lying very low with consumption at the residence of her father, Mr. Griffin, near Buckeye.

If the pro-constitution Democrats want to follow up the result of last week's victory, let them turn out at the primaries to-day and send men to the County Convention who will act on the square.

Mr. Willis, our tinsmith, made a visit to Berryessa Valley this week. He reports the wheat crop there as very promising, and the majority of the farmers intending to market their produce at Winters this year.

A number of young folks will indulge in a a pic-nic near the mouth of Putah Canyon to-day. A croquet ground has been prepared, swings put up, and those attending have made every arrangement for a good time.

One of the finest fields of wheat in Yolo county is that of the Hill Bros., situated just northeast of town. It is of the Club variety sown on summer-fallowed land, and looks as though it would yield fifty bushels to the acre.

We hear it reported that some of the sore-head Democratic and Republican anti-Constitutionists are talking of a coalition of the two parties for the Fall election. Please don't sacrifice yourselves again, gentlemen; you wouldn't be able to stand it.

The *Democrat* accuses the *Mail* of rehashing its locals, and the latter paper devotes over half a column to a denial, and makes out a poor case at that. It seems to us that the readers of the *Mail* have been getting a deal of warmed-over victuals lately.

Two new saloons have been opened in Winters preparatory to the summer campaign, one by Jos. Murray in the room formerly occupied by Clark's law office, and another in the Winters Hotel. Eight saloons ought to keep the inhabitants from getting very dry.

From a Workingman.

WOODLAND, May 14th, 1879.

EDITOR ADVOCATE:—During the late campaign on the Constitutional question, several of us workingmen have been watching the course of the newspapers in this county with considerable interest. The *Democrat* for a long time seemed to have no opinion. It published communications for and against, but not one word in the editorial column to tell on which side the paper stood until within about a week of election. Then the pressure was too great for it and it came out faintly against the new Constitution, not in time however to be of any help or to do any damage. The *Mail*—well, it kind of leaned toward the new Constitution, thought some portions of it were good and ought to be adopted if—if—if there was not too much that was bad mixed with it. The fact is, the *Mail*, like the *Democrat*, wanted to please both those that favored and those that opposed the new Constitution, and hence was of no benefit to either side.

It seemed to be left for the ADVOCATE to come to the front and take a bold stand, showing pluck and enterprise and foresight, and help to swell the majority for the new Constitution in Yolo county, and right nobly it did the work. It didn't wait to see which way the cat was going to jump before expressing an opinion, and if a new Constitution Party is formed, as there seems good prospects for now, the ADVOCATE should be made the organ of that party in this county, and its subscription list should be swelled to goodly proportions. It is the only paper in the county that has had the boldness and courage to come out and work manfully for the adoption of the new Constitution, and it ought to be rewarded by the friends of that instrument for its pluck and good judgment; besides, it can do more for the new party in carrying the election this Fall than any other paper in the county. That's the sentiments of a WORKINGMAN.

[We are much obliged to "Workingman" for the many compliments he pays us, but will take this occasion to say that the ADVOCATE is not anxious to become the "organ" of any party. The people of Yolo county will always find us working to place honest men in office, and if that can be best accomplished by scratching, we will advise voters so to do. We have no assurance that this new party will be immaculate and we shall not support its candidates if in our judgment there are better men among the opposition. We don't like the idea of wearing a blind-bridle.—ED.]

Democratic Primaries.

This afternoon a primary election will be held in Winters for the purpose of selecting 9 delegates to a Democratic County Convention to be held at Woodland on Friday next, 23d inst. This Convention is to appoint delegates to the State Convention to be held on the 27th of this month, and if Democrats wish good men to be placed on the State ticket, they should manifest an interest in the primary elections to-day, and see to it that men upon whom they can depend are sent to this County Convention. It is no time for the honest and intelligent portion of the party to be wrangling over the differences of opinion that were brought about by the Constitutional fight. The great majority on both sides were honest in their convictions, and should now be unanimous on the subject of putting none but good men in office. As to the legislative and judicial offices, we are of the opinion that none but pro-Constitution men should be chosen to fill them. But it is not enough that they simply saw in the new instrument a better law than the old one. They must be men of well known honesty, sufficient ability, and against whom not even a breath of suspicion has ever been wafted. For the County offices we can see no harm in supporting men who were opposed to the new law, provided they are honest. California may be the pivot on which the Presidential election will turn next year, and it will be well to keep up party organizations, and nominate tickets that will win.

HUTCHINSON FAMILY.—This family, who have been giving concerts in the United States for the last 38 years, will give one of their splendid entertainments at Davisville on Monday evening next, May 19th, for the benefit of the Presbyterian Church of that place. As this is the best chance the people of this vicinity will have to hear these sweet singers, all that possibly can should avail themselves of the opportunity. The admission is only 50 cents, and it is worth more than that to hear them sing "We've come from the Mountains," as they sang it 38 years ago.

SPLENDID VIEWS.—While in Woodland last week we stepped into the office of De Pue & Co., and were shown some of the drawings from which litho raphic views are being made for insertion in the Historical Atlas of Yolo County. Among the drawings already completed we noticed one of Chas. F. Reed's residence at Knight's Landing, and also a fine drawing of Mr. J. E. Taylor's new brick dwelling on his farm near Woodland. These views are perfect gems, and show that this firm employ none but the best artists.

We received a call yesterday from Mr. Scranton, traveling agent for the San Francisco *Chronicle*. He is making a canvass of the whole State in the interest of that paper, and is meeting with great success. The *Chronicle* is the only daily in California that keeps up with the times, and it deserves the large patronage it has.

The season has arrived when the festive musquito engages the lonely hours in tuning his musical lyre for the forthcoming jubilee. —*Woodland Democrat.*

If a person will indulge is such a dazzling burst of eloquence over a musquito, what effect would a good sized elephant have on him?

We have received a notice from John Kelly, the celebrated violinist, that he will give one of his concerts in Winters soon. Mr. Kelly is assisted by his wife, and as we have listened to their performance, we can testify to its being first-class. The exact date of their appearance in Winters is not given.

J. E. Witson, General Agent for the Mutual Relief Association, of Petaluma, called on us this week. This Association is a life insurance company on a mutual plan, each member paying a certain amount on the death of a member.

From the Capital City.

[By a Lady Correspondent.]

SACRAMENTO, May 13th, 1879.

DEAR ADVOCATE:—Your lady readers must be tired of hearing about the Constitution, even if their husbands are not, so for their entertainment I propose to talk on a variety of subjects, and shall promise *not* to annow them with politics.

In the first place, of course, comes Amusements. We have pic-nicked till we are glad to rest, and some jolly pic nics we have had, too. How we are drifting towards the customs of older countries in our pic-nic amusements of games and races, and contests of all descriptions. The thought opens a train of reflections, and I begin to envy the older nations the pride they feel in their distinctive nationality, and to wonder that we can be patriotic when we have so little individuality, and when we lack that romance that old places and old traditions and customs give. We have no characteristic amusements, no national games, but we have a combination of the sports of all nations. So while we are proud of our greatness and wealth, our liberality and advancement, yet we sigh for relics of past barbarism such as can never be known in a nation like ours. To return to the present again: Lawrence Barrett began an engagement of several evenings at the Metropolitan Theatre last night. It has been some time since we have had such a treat.

Yesterday, Mrs. J. N. Young, the wife of one of our lawyers was admitted to the Supreme Court, after passing a satisfactory examination. This is the second lady lawyer the State can boast, but Mrs. Young has the honor of being the first woman admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of this State. Mrs. Young is not more than twenty-five—bright and business-like. So Sacramento takes another step forward. We have now a lady physician on our Board of Health, two ladies on the Board of Directors of the new Free Library, and still another lady as Librarian. The Assistant Librarian is a gentleman. What a departure from old-time prejudices!

Our city is looking well, many new buildings adding to its attractiveness It is in the beauty and taste of its homes that we take most pride, yet the spirit of improvement and emulation has reached the business streets, and we have many improvements to show our visitors. A new school house is soon to be added to the number of fine ones that grace our city.

As the warm weather approaches there will be a dearth of amusement, and little to write about, except the never failing topic—politics. CLEONA.

Election Returns.

The following are the complete returns of the Constitutional election in Yolo county, as canvassed by the Board of Supervisors:

Fairview	20	12
West Grafton	91	36
East Grafton	103	55
North Grafton	54	10
Washington	84	104
South Putah	19	17
North Putah	17	107
Merritt	12	49
Buckeye	135	76
West Cottonwood	48	49
East Cottonwood	113	66
Woodland	527	22
Cacheville	77	38
Occidental	27	4
Quicksilver	1	11
	1388	862

Total number of votes cast, 2250. Majority for the New Constitution, 526.

Woodland Items.

[From the Daily Democrat.]

The best grade of wool in Woodland is worth 17 cents; average, 14 cents.

The Turners of Woodland will have a pic-nic at Watkin's grove, Sunday, 18th inst.

There has been a turn-table constructed at the depot, and there will be no more backing out hereafter.

Sheriff Barney took two prisoners to San Quentin this week, named Murphy and Lee, sent from the County Court for burglary.

A burglary occurred at the residence of the publisher of this paper last night, while the family were at the College exhibition, entering at a window.—*Woodland Democrat, May 9th.*

We don't see the use in climbing through a window to witness a school exhibition when the door is open and admission free.

One of the finest stores in Yolo county is that of Charmak & Levy, Woodland. They keep a fine assortment of general merchandise, and are doing a good business. One of the reasons of this is that their prices are low, and another is that their clerks are obliging as well as good looking.

HOME AGAIN.—Mrs. P. A. Callihan, formerly the leading Milliner of Sacramento, has returned to that city and opened the most elegant millinery store on this coast. Her goods are of the finest and always of the very latest styles, as she imports them direct. Please call and examine before purchasing elsewhere. Bleaching and pressing a specialty. Orders promptly and satisfactorily filled. MRS. P. A. CALLIHAN.

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We have arranged for the publication in our work of the official maps of the county, thus supplying a long felt want by placing in the hands of every subscriber a copy of the map, which will be well drawn and lithographed and divided into six sections. Each section will contain six Congressional Townships and be sixteen by twenty-six inches in size.

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Hawk-Eyetems.

The mumps is (are) raging in Congress this spring. As though anything were needed to increase a Congressman's cheek. Nature is extravagant.

Here and there, even in Burlington, you will yet find a man who blushes and looks guilty if you ask him very suddenly if he wears a liver pad.

There is eight kinds of suckers native of Iowa waters, not to mention the varieties that live on dry land and haunt the free lunch counters of the republic.

There is no excuse for tramps this year. If there is nothing else to do they can organize new Pinafore companies. That is really the crying need of the times.

Ah, do you begin to notice just about now, innocent little items, about this lake and that lake, and the wall-eyed pike and the pickerel and the black bass, and the carp and the yellow perch and the drum-heads and bull pout and things? The summer resorts are beginning to tell fish stories.

Times have been so hard in the West this year that a great many people have been obliged to discount their crystal and china weddings from three to seven years, in order to raise the wind at that particular time when a financial atmospheric disturbance would most happily and forcibly strike them right where they lived.

Of thirty-six members of the House, who introduced financial bills Monday, thirty-five are in debt, twenty-seven of the thirty-five owe more than they are worth, and the one of the thirty-six who isn't in debt at all is mad about it, and would get in debt mighty quick if he could. But he can't. His credit isn't good enough.

You go into a county where two rival towns are fighting for the county seat, and you will find that the inhabitants make that struggle the issue in a Presidential election, and the candidate for the highest office in the gift of the nation won't get a solitary vote in the east side of the county, if he is suspected of favoring the west side.

Mrs. Walker was one of the best women in Burlington in her time, but she was passionately fond of "going," and her friends were never able to find her at home. Well, she died. And one of her neighbors said there was one consolation, anyhow. When they wanted to call on her now, they would know where to find her.

"You make me think," John William said, dropping upon the sofa beside the prettiest girl on North Hill, last Sunday evening, "of a bank whereon the wild thyme grows." "Do I?" she murmured. "It is so nice, but that is pa's step in the hall and unless you can drop out of the front window before I get through speaking, you'll have a little wild time with him, my own, for he loves you not." But John William didn't quite make it and now you can make him grow wild time and time again by simply asking him what makes him go lame when he walks. He knows, but he won't tell.

RULES OF CONDUCT.

Never exaggerate, at least don't exaggerate so excessively as to cause undue remark.

Never laugh at the misfortunes of others, save in the isolated instance of a man struggling between heaven and earth, with only the blue dome of the sky above him, and nothing to speak of under him, except a banana peel.

Never send a present, hoping for one in return. Nine times out of ten you will slip up on your expectations. Freeze to the present you buy. You are dead sure of that.

Never question your neighbor's servants or children about family matters. They are liable to fib to you. The best way is to "snook" around and find out for yourself.

Always offer the easiest seat in the room to a lady or an invalid. A hard bottom, straight back chair is usually considered about the easiest thing there is made to sit on. A rocking chair is apt to produce sea-sickness.

Never pass between two passengers who are talking together, without offering an apology. One of them may lift you a kick that will raise you through the pier glass.

Never put a fire or warm dry sheets in the spare room. It's too awfully inviting and these are hard times.

Never insult an acquaintance by harsh words when applied to for a favor. It is just as easy and ever so much pleasanter, to lie to him and tell him you haven't got it. He may know you are a liar, but he can't deny that you are a gentleman.

Never fail to answer an invitation either personally or by letter. If it is an invitation to dinner, by all means answer it personally. If it is an invitation to a wedding or donation party, a letter will do just as well and is about ten times as cheap.

Never refuse to receive an apology. You won't be offered one more than once in twenty-five years, and you can keep them as rarities.

Never thrust your foot out across the aisle in a street car. Somebody may spit on it.

Long ages ago, in times so remote that history does not fix the epoch, a dreadful war was waged between the king of Cornwall and the king of Scotland. Scottish valor prevailed, and the king of Cornwall was defeated. The Scottish monarch, elated by success, sent for his Prime Minister, Lord Alexander. "Weel, Sandy," said he, "is there ne'er a king we canna conquer the noo?" "Ane it please your Majesty, I ken but ane king that your Majesty canna vanquish." "And whaur is he, Sandy?" "Lord Alexander reverently looking up, said: "The King o' Heeven." The Scottish king did not understand, but was unwilling to exhibit any ignorance. "Just gang yer ways, Sandy, and tell the King o' Heeven to give up his dominions, or I'll come mysel' and ding him oot of them, and mind, Sandy, ye do not come back till us until ye ha' done oor bidden." Lord Alexander retired much perplexed, but met a priest and, reassured, came back and presented himself. "Weel, Sandy," said the king, "hae ye seen the King o' Heeven, and what says he to oor bidden?" "An' it please your Majesty I hae no seen the King himself, but I have seen ane o' his accredited ministers." "Weel, and what says he?" "He says yer Majesty may e'en hae his kingdom for the asking o' it." "Was he sae ceevil?" says the king, warmed to magnanimity. "Just gang yer ways back, Sandy, and tell the King o' Heeven that for his ceevility the de'il a Scotchman shall ever set foot in his kingdom."

Notes From Naples.

The principal event of general interest the past week has been the celebration of the King's birthday, when, there being several dignitaries in Rome, a grand review was arranged, and all arms of the service represented. The crowd as usual gathered by eight o'clock in the square near the railway station, Piazza Independenza. Our party, as well as the foreigners generally, helped to make up the assemblage. Just beyond, all the troops were gathered, and the balconies being filled with handsomely dressed ladies, the general effect of the scene was very pretty, especially when, about 10 o'clock, following the booming of cannon, the King appeared in the square, dressed in the uniform of a general, and riding a fine bay horse, with the Austrian Ambassador, Baron Kendal, on one side, and the Minister of War, General Marji de la Roche, on the other, followed by a brilliant staff of generals, high officers, and attaches of different embassies. A file of His Majesty's body guard in armor, both led and closed the company, as escort. All along the way they were greeted by enthusiastic shouts of "Long live the King," "Long live Humbert I." Arriving in front of the troops the Duke d'Aosta and General Bariolo presented them to him, when His Majesty reviewed them; we being entertained in the mean time with the arrival of Her Majesty the Queen. Her cortege consisted of three carriages, she being in the first, dressed in pure white, even to her white parasol trimmed with white lace, which, altogether, made her appearance very lovely; and accompanying her were the young Prince, her son, in the uniform of a Naval Corporal, and the Prince of Cariguano, in the uniform of an Admiral. In the other carriages were ladies of honor and two or three officers, the attendants being in red, excepting knee breeches of blue, with powdered wigs, and cocked hats. This detachment of the royal family being drawn up on one side.

Shortly after a flourish of trumpets announced the return of the King, who, with his attendants, saluted the Queen, she receiving them standing. The whole of this brilliant cavalcade then formed in line, the King remaining near Her Majesty's carriage, the troops passed in review, the young Prince Amadeus, the King's brother (who was for a short time King of Spain,) at the head of the Roman division, riding first and alone. As he passed his brother he saluted, and whirling about, after saluting the ladies, took his place beside the King. All the other principal officers followed his example, as they came up, while the soldiers were marched onward until the first reached the Quirinal Palace, when they were ranged all the way from the palace to the piazza, on either side of the way, forming two living walls between which the royal party returned to the palace. Soon afterwards the whole building was surrounded, and those who were fortunate enough to be in front of the palace were favored with two appearances of the King and Queen upon the balcony, where bareheaded, they stood for some time returning the salutes of the people, who shouted and cheered as if they could never be satisfied.

It was certainly a sight never to be forgotten, the soldiers being mingled with the motley mass of people, while in the midst the solemn obelisk which has looked upon the triumphs of kings a thousand years ago stood to-day and saw the dawning of a new life and hope for Italy.

A practical turn was given to the jubilations later in the day when the new iron bridge across the Tiber, at a point near the Piazza di Papolo, was opened, heretofore crossed by an inconvenient ferry.—*Correspondence of Boston Traveller.*

Competition Not the Life of Trade.

"Eight sweet Florida oranges for a dime, here: fifteen cents a dozen!" bawled an orange peddler, as he stopped his wagon close to the curb-stone on Fifth street yesterday, where a small crowd was congregated.

Another peddler of oranges drew up to the same spot and went him one better, as follows:

"Eight sweet Florida oranges for nine cents; the only oranges in the State of Ohio that are fit to eat."

"Eight sweet oranges for eight cents," screamed No. 1; "rich and juicy, and not picked by yellow fever patients, like some oranges I know of."

"Eight large, fine oranges for seven cents," retorted No. 2, and the crowd began to manifest an interest in the proceedings.

"Eight delicious oranges for six cents," yelled No. 1, and looked black as the Moor of Venice at his competitor.

"Eight overgrown oranges for five cents, and they're the only oranges in the city not stuffed with saw-dust."

"Eight for four cents!"

"Eight for three cents!"

"Eight for two cents!"

"Eight for one cent!"

"Eight for—nuthin', by gracious!" yelled the desperate dealer.

"Nuf ced!" exclaimed his rival leaping to the ground and beginning to transfer the eight-for-nothing fruit into his own wagon; "nuf ced, yer oranges ain't worth no more than that nohow, but seein' it's you, I'll take the whole lot at that price," and all the while he was scooping them out in handfuls of a dozen.

"I'll take a hatful at them figgers!" yelled a newsboy, as he climbed upon the wheel.

"So'll I!" screamed another.

"Here, too!"

"Make room on that wheel for uncle!"

The unfortunate man whose stock was being reduced at such unprofitable figures whipped up his horse and escaped with a few oranges under the seat, and as he whirled around a corner he stopped swearing long enough to say he could kill the man who said that competition was the life of trade. —*Cincinnati Enquirer.*

CATCHING ANTS.—In New Mexico the following method of catching ants is both popular and efficacious: a few large champagne bottles are buried in the ground, near the entrance to the nest, till their tops are flush with the ground. Every ant going to or coming from the colony will at once walk up, peep over and then drop in. When he gets to the bottom he finds himself in the middle of a free fight, in which legs and antennæ are chawed off with alarming recklessness. Two or three days suffice to accumulate half-a-dozen quarts of ants, and completely exterminate the colony.

An upstart—Beginning to prosper.

SAN FRANCISCO MARKET.

FLOUR—The export movement for the week has been small. For the China steamer sailing in about a week there is a smaller inquiry. The local demand is also less active. Receipts are larger, and include 3093 half sacks and 7854 quarter sacks from Oregon. The market is quiet and easy.

We quote, Superfine common, $3 75@$4 00; Superfine, $4 12½@$4 25; extra superfine, $4 37½@$4 50; choice and extra choice, $5 00 @$5 25; Oregon, good to choice, $4 75 @ $5 00.

WHEAT—This market has not been so quiet at any time this season as during the past week. Millers are sparing buyers and shippers more so. The demand is only for choice, and offerings of this are small and holders firm for full prices. Offerings of poor to fair are liberal beyond the demand and all holders are free sellers. Millers pay as high as $1 65 for a fancy lot, and shippers $1 60 for choice. For fair milling or shipping the range is $1 50 to $1 55. Strictly good as high as $1 57½ for shipping and $1 60 for milling. Europe is active and firm at an advance, with a prospect of still higher prices. This improvement has little effect on our market, as before cargoes sailing now could reach there the new crop will be in. The weather there is still backward and unfavorable. The area seeded is smaller than last year. These influences may bring us better prices next autumn.

We quote superfine, $1 40@$1 50; fair to choice milling, $1 50 @ $1 65; shipping, $1 50@$1 60.

BARLEY—Lower still go the range of prices. The market is unsteadily active at the decline. Business is spasmodic as if speculators hardly know whether they are right or not.

We quote feed, 65c @ 75c (all gold); Brewing, 82½ @ 87½c.

CORN—The demand is very small. The market is weak under liberal offerings. White is particularly dull.

We quote yellow, 77½c @ 90c; white, 80c@85c.

OATS—The last Sound steamer brought 2,000 sacks. The demand has been rather better and choice has brought higher prices. Milling is about nominal.

We quote milling at $1 40@1 45; good to choice feed, $1 25@$1 35; common to fair feed, $1 00@$1 25.

RYE—The demand is inactive and the market weak. We now quote at 85@95.

BUCKWHEAT—There is hardly any demand, and prices are nominal. For all grades we quote $1 20@$1 30.

MILLSTUFFS—This market is unchanged in all respects.

Bran, per ton	12 00@13 00
Middlings, per ton	17 00@18 00
Corn, ground, per ton, gold	21 00@22 00
Barley, ground, per ton, gold	17 00@18 00

HOPS—The market remains dead and nominal.

We quote California 5@8c; Oregon and Washington Territory 2@6c.

WOOL—We quote from the San Francisco *Prices Current:* Receipts are very large as compared with the past weeks of the season. Deliveries of Northern are still light. The quality of San Joaquin is improved, and some fancy Southern sells away above quotations, there is very little of it. The demand is still active and large sales are reported at last week's quotations. One large Eastern buyer after purchasing heavily has returned home. All the choice coming in is quickly taken, and there is no accumulation of stocks. All holders are free sellers and the strength of the market is due solely to the active competition between buyers. Already there are some signs of a lull, and the undertone seems soft. We do not see how it could be otherwise. The Eastern markets are improved in no particular; manufacturers buy to cover immediate wants, and dealers are anxious sellers at current rates, even although these are 6@8c below cost. This is true of all domestic wools, Eastern, Southern, Western and Pacific Coast. Manufacturers say prices are still too high to leave them or dealers in woolen goods any margin of profit, and say they must buy at still lower prices. Many mills run only to protect their machinery. The probability is that under so great over production growers will lower their views and accept offered rates. If this is so our market will weaken and go lower.

San Joaquin, fair to good	14 @16
San Joaquin, poor to fair	12 @14
Southern, fair to good	12 @14½
Southern, poor to fair	8 @11
Northern, choice	19 @20
Northern, fair to good	17 @18

BUTTER—Receipts are larger by 50,000 lbs than for any week of the season. The demand is very slack and the market dull, weak and declining. The future hinges on packing and consequent falling off in deliveries. Merchants are afraid to pack and only do so on compulsion. It is evident that a lower range of values will govern the market in the future and no one seems to know how much the change may be.

CHEESE—Receipts are very large and nearly all available room is filling up. The market is dull and weak.

EGGS—Supply and demand continue about to balance. Utah deliveries are small; Oregon, ditto, owing to a nearer market for their product. California are in fair supply for the season. There is an active demand and all receipts go at once into the channels of consumption. The market is firm and may advance.

We quote: California choice fresh roll butter, 17@18c; common to good roll, 12@16c; Cheese, California, 8@10c; Western Cheese, 10@12c ₱ lb; California Eggs, 19@21c.

HAY AND STRAW—The market is still heavily supplied and is dull and weak.

We quote: Wheat, good to prime, ₱ ton $10 00@$13 00; wheat, fair to medium, $8 00@$9 00; oats, wild, ₱ ton, $6 50@ $10 50; barley, choice, $8 50@$10 00; barley, ₱ ton, $6 00@$7 50; stock, $6 00@ $7 00; straw, ₱ bale, 60@70c.

PROVISIONS—This market continues dull but firm.

We quote: California plain Hams, 9@10; Eastern Canvassed C. S. C. Hams, 10@ 12½c, as to brand; California Lard, 8@8½c; Eastern do, 8@12½c; California Bacon, 7@ 9c; Eastern Bacon, 8@10c; California Smoked Beef, $9 00@$11 00 ₱ bbl; Beef, $8 50@$10 50 ₱ bbl; hf bbl, $4 50@$6 00; Pork ₱ bbl, $13 00@$20 00.

SALMON AND SMOKED FISH—The catch is large, but fewer boats are out. The market is dead.

We quote, $1 00@$1 12½ for 1-lb tins; bbl, $7@$8; hf bbl, $3@$4 00; all as to quality, where caught and grade of fish. Cod, Pacific, bulk 5@6c ₱ lb; Cod, in cases, 6½@7c; Cod boneless, Eastern, 9@10c ₱ lb; Georges Cod, 9c ₱ lb; Mackerel, hf bbls, No. 1, $10 00 @$11 00; do, hf bbls, No. 2, $8 00@$10 00; do, kits, No. 1, $2 25@$2 50; do, kits, No. 2 $2 00@$2 25.

POTATOES—Receipts are large, and under almost an entire absence of any demand stocks accumulate. The market is very dead and nominal, very difficult to quote so as to give a true impression of values. New are hardly better than the old. For common lots 50c per cental is perhaps more than they are worth, and for extra choice in boxes, $1 00 is an extreme, likely to mislead, so little reaches the requirement to command the price. Old sell slowly, peddled out as it were, at from 25@38½c; a few extra choice Humboldts going up to 50c.

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